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SUBJECT: MUJIB'S VISIT TO IRAQ

1. FOR BANGLADESH, SIGNIFICANT RESULT OF PRIME MINISTER MUJIB'S OCTOBER 3-7 VISIT TO IRAQ WAS SIGNING OF ECONOMIC AGREEMENT OF \$51 MILLION2 ACCORDING TO DACCA PRESS, THE GOVERNMENT OF IRAQ AGREED TO PROVIDE \$25 MILLION IN PROJECT AID, \$20 MILLION AS AN EMERGENCY LOAN FOR "IMMEDIATE USE" AND \$6 MILLION AS AN OUTRIGHT GRANT. THE LOAN, AT 2 PERCENT INTEREST, HAS A 5-YEAR MORATORIUM ON REPAYMENTS. IRAQ HAD EARLIER GIVEN \$3 MILLION IN ASSISTANCE FOR FLOOD RELIEF.

2. DURING AIRPORT PRESS CONFERENCE UPON HIS RETURN FROM NEW YORK, WASHINGTON AND BAGHDAD, MUJIB DESCRIBED VISIT TO IRAQ AS "VERY SUCCESSFUL" AND EXPRESSED GRATEFULNESS TO IRAQ'S LEADERS FOR THE "WARMTH OF FRIENDSHIP AND LOVE" THEY HAD DEMONSTRATED TOWARD HIM. HE ALSO AID THAT PRESIDENT BAKR AND VICE CHAIRMAN OF REVOLUTIONARY COMMAND COUNCIL SADDAM HOSSAIN HAD ACCEPTED INVITATIONS UNCLASSIFIED

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TO VISIT BANGLADESH.

3. JOINT COMMUNIQUE RELEASED IN DACCA AND BAGHDAD OCTOBER 7 WAS UNEXCEPTIONAL, REITERATING STANDARD NON-ALIGNED POSITIONS ON MIDDLE EAST, GUINEA BISSAU AND CAPE VERDE, AND THE INDIAN OCEAN ZONE OF PEACE. SADDAM HOSSAIN IN COMMUNIQUE REFERRED TO THE "SERIOUS SITUATION IN IRAQ'S EASTERN BORDERS" AND THE "THREAT POSED BY SUCH A SITUATION TO THE PEACE AND SECURITY OF THE AREA." PRIME MINISTER MUJIB STRESSED THE NECESSITY OF SETTLING THE SITUATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH INTERNATIONAL LAW AND PRINCIPLES OF THE UN CHAR MER. ON THE SUBCONTINENT, BOTH SIDES AGREED THAT THE SETTLEMENT OF REMAINING ISSUES COULD BE SATISFACTORILY RESOLVED THROUGH NEGOTIATION. THE TWO GOVERNMENTS AGREED TO FORM A "PERMANENT JOINT COMMITTEE" FOR ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION. BOSTER

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